

Name: _____

Accountable Talk Letter

Now that we have good experience with Accountable Talk we are going to take those ideas and apply them to your writing. I am asking you to write me a letter about your thoughts, feelings, questions, predictions, connections and/or inferences you have based on your reading. A good letter should include the following:

- Date
- Greeting
- Clear paragraphing
- Topic and Clincher Sentences
- Transitions words
- Evidence from the text (Quotes and page #s)

This is an Accountable Talk letter. Just like our conversations, you are allowed to steer the letter in any direction you feel is necessary. I have listed some possible suggestions or you are free to come up with your own appropriate ideas.

- Tell what you like or dislike about the chapter and why.
- Tell about parts of the book that puzzled you or made you ask questions.
- Tell what you noticed about the characters, such as what made them act as they did or how they changed.
- Write about something in the book that surprised you or that you found interesting.
- Write your predictions and about whether your predictions were right.
- Ask questions that are about figuring out the meaning of the book.
- Tell about the connections that you made while reading the book. Tell how it reminds you of yourself, of people you know, or of something that happened in your life. It might remind you of other books, especially the characters, the events, or the setting.
- Write about the author's style and how it makes you feel.
- Write about the vocabulary/language the author used and why you think the author wrote this way.

Your letter will be based on a book of your choice. You need to start with a graphic organizer or some other system to hold your thinking. (I can help, just ask me!)

Timelines/Due Dates:

- Show Mrs. Brannelly your book choice by _____
- Show Mrs. Brannelly your "Think Sheets" by _____
- Write your "Accountable Letter" and turn it in to Mrs. Brannelly by _____.

The final letter is worth a Test Grade!